









of the chain torture, has been once resorted to in the provinces a confession. But most common works on China give full and ample details of this mode of torture. Out of the question, however, must be said. When did we abolish judicial torture? For a Christian nation I think up to a tolerably late date. The trial naturally suggests the trial, and these were sufficient during many years in this capital. The actual death was inflicted in two ways: a decapitation, or by the 'ling' conventionally and most inaccurately called 'cutting down the head.' It would be too sickening to put it in detail. Suffice it to say that the cutting out of the principles, the faying of the face, and a *supra cruce*. The executioners are said to inflict the last and most cruel of the prisoners' friends are unfor- d to drug them with opium, if

afford it. Two women (one un-  
insane) were thus executed while  
Peking, and in one case I received  
information from a friendly mandarin to  
the effect, he promising me 'an excellent  
one' who could not understand my declin-  
ing the well-meant offer without thanks.  
My decapitation is by means of a

...y-shaped sword, the victim being  
kneel down with his hands tied be-  
hind him, and extend his head forward.  
The execution has been described, but the subse-

exhibition of the head in a bangle has less seldom been noted. The heads of some seven décapités in the, and was struck by the fact that single one exhibited any signs of

death, "the execution ground" at a small open space occupied by the heads of three or four streets, and the spot where the sentence is carried out is usually occupied by a pork-seller's shop. Execution carries with it most of the consequences to the relations of the criminal—in some cases all of his family is punished for his crimes, and the house in which he dwelt being reserved to the ground—eminent officials sentenced to death are often "permitted" to kill themselves. A sinner condemned to hanging is, in the condemned's case, thereupon "takes the hint." A instance of this—or rather of an one raised by the victim—occurred in my own knowledge. A general,

enough to make some very uncompromising remarks about the then Dowager empress—remarks, in fact, which any ruler would bitterly resent. Like all the emperors in China, the Dowager empress, and the Empress Dowager herself, were aware of what had been said of her; however, at that time in too high a position with the Emperor to be attacked, she could do nothing to prevent it from taking place. The Emperor died to Jehol, shortly afterwards died. Prince Kuang, the appointed regent, but the real power, was then the Dowager Empress to whom everything was referred. At the time when the erring general died himself to censure. Some few thousand taels were misappropriated, and he was sent to Peking to answer the charge. The Emperor was for a time of no importance—the trifling bribe being all that was necessary to settle the matter quietly—the general and the empress remained because of the good acquaintance for violating discipline but because he feared the dis-

re of the Government if he ignored  
he was too powerful to be attacked at  
head of his own troops; but, dreading  
it, came to Peking. Here he was put  
nominal arrest—4.6. he was free to  
about, could have his family to visit  
and, being rich, could eat and drink  
he pleased. Six months passed away,  
g which time he had 'squared' any  
sole accusers respecting the missing  
; and desiring to return to his duties,  
nt in a petition asking for immediate  
pigation.

had forgotten that the women whose  
acter he had 'riduced'—though, if  
consent of the day were true.

sting of the accusation lay in its—was now the virtual autocrat of a. The petition was duly carried to with other documents of the day's proceedings, when the general's nod of assent was the signal for the cause. With a mocking smile, marked it with the fatal characters in meant 'Direct him to hang himself.' In an hour or two the unhappy man received the silken cord; and, either accident or design, the bearer of the unfortunate message was the same who had taken a Chinaman like sending a man to execute his son; and the foot was a-named on in the Court circles. While the general's friends objected to the channel of communication, the general declined much more strongly to the execution itself. In fact, he seemed to have been originally a fervent deponent he absolutely declined to assist himself

the kind permission accorded. His ends had great aid to persuade him that as for the best, being keenly alive to the convenience of being connections of an exalted and powerful family, he was surrounded with extreme difficulty to his head in the noose attached to a patent nail, and the stool upon which he stood was snatched away in hot haste he should repent and plunge his family overhumping and mutilating. Shortly after he had cooled down his mind to as usual, to dine with him, and were somewhat astonished to learn that dinner for him a bygone luxury. They took very philosophically, however, all things considered, and, having taken possession of their property, sent off the body to be buried in the next day's Gazette the previous permission accorded to the deceased commit suicide was set out at length,

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